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1. SUGGEST REVISION PROPOSED TEXT AS FOLLOWS. IF YOU CONCUR,
ASSUME EMBASSY WILL PREPARE FRENCH TRANSLATION.

2. BEGIN TEXT. I AM VERY HAPPY TO BE HERE IN THE IVORY COAST.
THIS IS MY SECOND VISIT TO YOUR BEAUTIFUL CITY AS I WAS
PRIVILEGED TO COME HERE IN 1964 FOR A CONFERENCE OF PEACE
CORPS OFFICIALS IN WEST AFRICA. AT THAT TIME I HAD THE
OPPORTUNITY TO SEE SOME OF THE WORK THAT PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS
WERE DOING IN THE IVORY COAST, AND I AM GRATIFIED THAT WE HAVE
BEEN ABLE TO MAKE SOME CONTRIBUTION IN THE ENSUING YEARS.

I ALSO HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THE RAPID STRIDES IN
DEVELOPMENT THAT YOUR COUNTRY WAS MAKING, AND CONTINUES TO
MAKE, I KNOW, UNDER PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY'S LEADERSHIP.
I LOOK FORWARD TO MY PRESENT VISIT WITH THE SPECIAL ANTI-
CIPATION OF A RETURNING FRIEND.

DURING MY FORTHCOMING VISIT I SHALL BE PARTICULARLY
HONORED TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY. HE HAS
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GIVEN WISE AND STEADY LEADERSHIP TO THE IVORY COAST SINCE

ITS INDEPENDENCE. WE IN AMERICA ESTEEM HIM FOR HIS STATES-
MANSHIP IN SPEAKING FOR PRACTICAL AND EFFECTIVE POLICIES
FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

DURING MY VISIT I ALSO HOPE TO MEET AND TALK WITH
THE IVORY COAST'S DISTINGUISHED FOREIGN MINISTER ARSENE
USHER. I HOPE TO HAVE THE BENEFIT OF THE VIEWS OF OTHER
IVORIAN LEADERS AND OFFICIALS. I SHALL ALSO TAKE ADVANTAGE
OF THE PRESENCE IN ABIDJAN OF IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTIONS, TO VISIT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE
AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK AND THE EXTENTE GUARANTES FUND.

I AM DELIGHTED TO BE HERE. END TEXT.
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